



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Luc MONTAGNIER et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1648
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Application No.: 09/739,289)	Examiner: Jeffrey S. Parkin
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Filed: December 19, 2000)	
)	Confirmation No. 3312
For: IMMUNOLOGICAL REAGENTS)	
AND DIAGNOSTIC METHODS)	
FOR THE DETECTION OF)	
HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY)	
VIRUS TYPE 2 UTILIZING)	
MULTIMERIC FORMS OF THE)	
ENVELOPE PROTEINS GP300,)	
P200, AND P90/80)	

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Sir:

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Applicants now respond to the final Office Action mailed April 7, 2004. The period for reply having been extended to October 7, 2004, by a petition for a three (3) month extension of time and fee payment filed on October 5, 2004, together with a Notice of Appeal, and further extended to May 5, 2005, by a petition for a five (5) month extension of time filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and reexamination of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. This paper satisfies the requirement for a "Submission" to accompany the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under

37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed herewith. Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 3-6.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 7.

Attachments include Exhibit A: Declaration of Jacques H. M. Cohen, M.D., Ph.D. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, including Exhibits 1-5 to the Declaration.